definition of "object of cultural patrimony" under Section 2 of the Act.

The item is an Apache *Gaan* ceremonial headdress of painted wood and cloth.

During the 20th century, this headdress was collected in Arizona. In 1978, this headdress was donated to the Desert Caballeros Western Museum by Henry Frick.

This headdress has been verified to be San Carlos Apache by representatives of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Reservation. The San Carlos Apache Tribe have documented that this item has ongoing traditional and cultural importance to the tribe and could not have been conveyed by any individual tribal member.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(3), these cultural items are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Officials of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between this item and the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Reservation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Sheila Kollasch, Curator, Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 21 North Frontier St., Wickenburg, AZ 85390; telephone (520) 684-2272 before March 26, 1998. Repatriation of this object to the San Carlos Apache Tribe may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward. Dated: February 18, 1998.

Veletta Canouts,

Acting Departmental Consulting Archeologist,

Deputy Manager, Archeology and Ethnography Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Camp Verde, AZ in the Possession of Arizona State Parks, Phoenix, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service **ACTION:** Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Camp Verde, AZ in the possession of Arizona State Parks, Phoenix, AZ

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Arizona State Parks professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Reservation.

In 1970, human remains representing one individual were acquired by Arizona State Parks from the Camp Verde Historical Society. This individual has been identified as Delche, an Apache man killed in 1874. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1874, Del-che was killed and his head was brought in to Fort Verde where his death was confirmed by the U.S. Army. Dr. James Reagles was the fort surgeon at the time, and retained possession of Del-che's skull. Following Dr. Reagles' death, his son, Walter J. Reagles had possession of the skull until it's donation to the Camp Verde Historical Society around 1943.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Arizona State Parks have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Arizona State Parks have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Reservation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Reservation.
Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Cathy Johnson, Historic Resources Manager/Archaeologist, 1300 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007; telephone: (602) 542–6951, fax: (602) 542–4180, before March 26, 1998.

Repatriation of the human remains to the Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Reservation may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Veletta Canouts,

Acting Departmental Consulting Archeologist,

Deputy Manager, Archeology and Ethnography Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Review of Existing Coordinated Long-Range Operating Criteria for Colorado River Reservoirs (Operating Criteria)

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final decision regarding the operating criteria.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this action is to provide public notice that the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has decided not to change the existing Operating Criteria as a result of the recently completed review process. The review has been conducted as an open public process, including formal consultation with the seven Colorado River Basin States (Basin States). The results of the review indicate that modification of the Operating Criteria is not justified at the present time.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 18, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Moore, Bureau of Reclamation, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1102, telephone (801) 524-3702, or Ms. Jayne Harkins, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, telephone (702) 293–8190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public review process began with a Federal Register notice published on August 20, 1996 (61 FR 43073), announcing the review of the Operating Criteria and inviting comments during the 60 days following the notice. On October 31, 1996, another Federal Register notice (61 FR 56246) was published announcing two public consultation meetings and extending the comment period an additional 30 days. On November 4, 1996, a Fact Sheet containing information about the Operating Criteria review and an invitation to the public consultation meetings was sent to known and anticipated interested parties and agencies, and governor-designated